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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Chopra et al.
Appl. No. : 09/973,854
Filed : October 9, 2001
For : INLINE MONITORING OF PAD
LOADING FOR CuCMP AND
DEVELOPING AN ENDPOINT
TECHNIQUE FOR CLEANING
Examiner : Sylvia MacArthur
Group Art Unit : 1763

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AMENDMENT

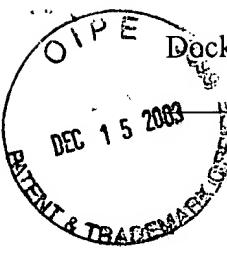
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 10, 2003 (Paper No. 1), please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.



AMENDMENT / RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified application are the following enclosures:

Amendment in eight (8) pages.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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Total Claims	21 - 27 = 0	1202 (\$18)	0 x 18 =	\$0
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2 Month Extension		1252 (\$420)		\$0
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